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TAGS: EAID, SY, US

SUBJECT: TALKS ON US ASSISTANCE TO SYRIA

REF: A. STATE 221184; B. DAMASCUS 2231

1. SINCE SECRETARY'S MEETINGS HERE DID NOT TOUCH ON U.S. ASSISTANCE TO SYRIA, WOULD APPRECIATE RECEIVING MATERIAL AS PROMISED REFTEL A FOR USE IN BRIEFING SARG, AND IN PARTICULAR FOREIGN MINISTER KHADDAM. PRESUME MATERIAL WILL INCLUDE HOW EMBASSY SHOULD HANDLE ISSUE OF OUTSTANDING CLAIMS.

2. WE ARE NOW ALSO ENTERING RAMADAN HOLIDAY PERIOD WHICH WILL EFFECTIVELY PUT US OUT OF TOUCH WITH MOST SARG OFFICIALS UNTIL OCTOBER 21.

3. IF DEPARTMENT PREFERS I NOT HAVE BILATERAL DISCUSSIONS THIS SUBJECT UNTIL ARRIVAL OF NOOTER AND HIS TEAM, DUE HERE IN TEN DAYS, I SHOULD AT LEAST BE IN A POSITION TO INFORM SARG OF AGENDA FOR OCT. 26-31 DISCUSSIONS, HOPEFULLY IN AS MUCH DETAIL AS POSSIBLE, AND ALSO COMPOSITION OF NOOTER'S TEAM. MINECON IMADI HAS ALREADY INFORMED ME OF RASH OF UPCOMING SARG BILATERAL ECONOMIC DISCUSSIONS AND PREPARATIONS FOR IBRD PRES. MCNAMARA'S
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VISIT AROUND FIRST WEEK NOVEMBER. WE WILL THEREFORE WANT TO

RESERVE TIME SOONEST WITH KEY SARG OFFICIALS TO MEET WITH A.I.D.
TEAM.

4. WE ARE WORKING ON COMMENTS AND RESPONSE TO STATE 220095 IN
PREPARATION FOR NOOTER VISIT AND WILL CABLE IN LESS RESTRICTED
CHANNEL.
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